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**In the matter of:**

**Order Instituting Informational Proceeding  
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**

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**Docket No. 09-Oil-1**

**NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING  
RE: Adoption of Program  
Guidelines**

## **Notice To Consider Adoption of The *State Energy Program Guidelines***

The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) will hold a special Business Meeting on:

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

10 a.m.

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First Floor, Hearing Room A

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

This meeting will be broadcast over the Internet through the Energy Commission's WebEx teleconferencing system. Information about the WebEx webcast will be posted on our website approximately two weeks prior to the Business Meeting. For details, please go to: [www.energy.ca.gov/business\\_meetings/](http://www.energy.ca.gov/business_meetings/)

As part of the September 30, 2009 Business Meeting, the Energy Commission will consider adopting the *State Energy Program Guidelines* (Guidelines). These Guidelines were developed to help implement and administer specific program areas funded by the State Energy Program (SEP) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. ARRA was enacted by Congress to preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery, to assist those most impacted by the recession, to provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances, and to make investments that will have long-term economic benefits. ARRA gives preference to projects that promote and enhance these objectives of the Act in an expeditious manner.

The U.S. Department of Energy has allocated the Energy Commission \$226 million in ARRA funding for the SEP. State law authorizes the Energy Commission to use these SEP funds for energy efficiency, energy conservation, renewable energy, and other

energy-related projects and activities authorized by ARRA. The Energy Commission will use the SEP funds to implement various energy-related programs, including programs that implement building and industrial energy efficiency, establish and expand financial incentives or loans for energy efficiency, expand renewable energy and renewable energy programs, expand renewable distributed generation, promote regional cooperation, facilitate the sharing of best energy practices, and increase coordination with utilities, including promulgation of measurement and verification methodologies.

The Guidelines describe the eligibility and procedural requirements for applying for SEP funds under the specific program areas.

At the direction of the Energy Commission's ARRA Committee, a Staff Draft version of the Guidelines was published for public comments on July 16, 2009. Public workshops were subsequently held on July 28, 29, and 31, 2009, to discuss the Staff Draft Guidelines and solicit public comments. Stakeholders and interested member of the public were encouraged to provide written comments no later than August 5, 2009. Based on the comments received, the Staff Draft version of the Guidelines was revised as directed by the ARRA Committee and published for public review as a Committee Draft on August 28, 2009. The ARRA Committee recommends the Committee Draft version of the Guidelines be adopted by the Energy Commission.

The Committee Draft version of the Guidelines is available online at [\[www.energy.ca.gov/2009publications/CEC-150-2009-004/CEC-150-2009-004-CTD.PDF\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/2009publications/CEC-150-2009-004/CEC-150-2009-004-CTD.PDF).

A Committee Draft version of the Guidelines with changes noted in underline/strikeout font (relative to the July 16, 2009 Staff Draft version) is also available online at [\[www.energy.ca.gov/2009publications/CEC-150-2009-004/CEC-150-2009-004-CTD-HIGHLIGHT.PDF\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/2009publications/CEC-150-2009-004/CEC-150-2009-004-CTD-HIGHLIGHT.PDF).

Hard copies of the Committee Draft version of the Guidelines may be obtained by email at [\[sep@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:sep@energy.state.ca.us).

## **Written Comments**

Written comments concerning the Committee Draft Guidelines should be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on September 25, 2009. Please include the docket number 09-OII-1 and indicate Order Instituting Informational Proceeding – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Please hand-deliver or mail an original to:

California Energy Commission  
Dockets Office, MS-4  
Re: Docket No. 09-OII-1  
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Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or organization in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document File (PDF) to [docket@energy.state.ca.us]. **One paper copy** must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Office.

All written comments related to the Guidelines will be filed with the Dockets Office and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

## **Public Participation**

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Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us]. If you have questions on the technical subject matter of this forum, please contact Bill Pennington, Manager of the High Performance Buildings and Standards Development Office at (916) 654-4939 or via e-mail at [bpenning@energy.state.ca.us].

Notices and documents for this proceeding are posted to the Energy Commission website at [www.energy.ca.gov/recovery]. When new information is posted, an e-mail will be sent to those on the energy policy e-mail list server. We encourage those who are interested in receiving updates and notices to sign up for the List Server at [www.energy.ca.gov/recovery].

Date: September 31, 2009

### **STATE OF CALIFORNIA ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

\_\_\_\_//signed//\_\_\_\_\_  
KAREN DOUGLAS  
Chairman and Presiding Member  
ARRA Committee

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ARTHUR ROSENFELD  
Commissioner and Associate Member  
ARRA Committee

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